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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON AND VEST

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MPOL

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION IN JCS POLITICAL-MILITARY
SIMULATION, MU-76

REF: (A) STATE 39610, (B) DAMASCUS 940

1. IT IS OUR CONCLUSION THAT, ON BALANCE, THERE SHOULD BE SOME AMBASSADORIAL PARTICIPATION IN MU-76 SIMULATION AT GARMISCH ON MARCH 29-APRIL 2. DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO APPROVE PARTICIPATION BY AMBASSADOR TOON, WHO HAS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO ATTEND. WE DO NOT BELIEVE HE SHOULD BE THE ONLY AMBASSADOR PRESENT FROM THE NEA REGION, AND BELIEVE YOU WOULD BE THE LOGICAL CHOICE FOR A SECOND AMBASSADORIAL PRESENCE IF YOU ARE AGREEABLE.

2. THE SUBJECT OF THESE GATHERINGS HAS NOT LEAKED IN THE PAST. HOWEVER, IF THERE SHOULD BE QUESTIONS AT YOUR END, YOUR ABSENCE COULD BE EXPLAINED AS "ATTENDING A CONFERENCE AT GARMISCH, GERMANY HOSTED BY U.S. EUROPEAN COMMAND WHICH

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IS ADDRESSING U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUES."

3. PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR REACTION TO THIS SUGGESTION.
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, JCS WOULD LIKE TO PLACE
YOU IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN THE EXERCISE; THEREFORE
YOUR EARLY RESPONSE WOULD BE APPRECIATED. KISSINGER

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